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Amendments to the Claims:

Enclosed are the claims with the required amendments. Changes from the original are marked with underlines and strikethroughs as required by the USPTO in the revised format:

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. (Previously amended) A method for saving rainforests comprising the steps of:
 - a. Selling and/or leasing rainforest areas to people;
 - b. Guarding said areas;
 - c. Making the buying and/or leasing of said areas conditional upon acceptance by the buyers of various limitations on the allowed uses of said areas;
 - d. Using a Multi-Level Marketing (Pyramid) system wherein each buyer and/or seller and/or leaser of said areas profits directly financially by finding additional buyers and/or sellers and/or leasers for said areas so that the system can grow exponentially;
 - e. Setting up at least one organization which runs and coordinates the operations of the above steps.
2. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said selling and/or leasing of areas to people is combined with sustainable harvesting of at least some of the sold and/or leased areas on behalf of the people who bought and/or leased areas.
3. (Previously amended) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the following features exists:
 - a. The buyers have to invest additional funds if they want their areas to become part of the sustainable harvesting;

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- b. The sustainable harvesting is done only in some of the areas and the profits from the sustainable harvesting are shared between the areas owners proportionally to their holdings of areas;
 - c. Each buyer becomes a partner in the total income of the organization from sustainable harvesting, proportionally to the number of acres that he owns;
 - d. The buyers have to invest additional funds if they want to become partners in the total income of the organization from sustainable harvesting.
- 4. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the areas are at least one of:
 - a. Actual specific areas;
 - b. Virtual areas that are not bound to a single location, so that ownership of an area of a certain size is like owning shares that represent an area of said size;
 - c. Areas wherein the buyers can choose a general area wherein said general area is a specific rainforest and/or a general part of said rainforest and/or an area of a few miles within said rainforest and then within said general area the exact area may change as in the virtual areas.
- 5. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the following features exists:
 - a. The price per unit increases in reverse to the percent of rainforests remaining;
 - b. The price per unit constantly increases at fixed time intervals independently of the actual rate of rainforest destruction.
- 6. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein there are reductions in price according to quantity, so that the more areas someone buys, the less he has to pay per unit.
- 7. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a multilevel marketing system is used, so that participants who buy and/or sell and/or lease lands in the system have a direct incentive to find additional buyers and/or sellers and/or leasers, so that the system can grow exponentially.

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8. (Previously amended) The method of claim 7 wherein at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Each participant who brought someone else into the system gets some commission also for sales brought about by said someone which said participant brought into the organization and/or for sales by additional people which said someone brought, at least until a certain chain length of people who brought people is reached and/or until a certain maximum cumulative commission is reached;
- b. Participants can have an option of delayed payment, so that they can buy the areas temporarily without paying for them and then have a grace period for actually paying and keeping the areas or part of them;
- c. The participants don't have to buy areas in order to sell areas to others, but can also act as agents even without buying any areas themselves at all, thus still getting the commissions for each sale;
- d. The multi-level structure of said multi-level system can be traced on the Internet so that each participant can know at all times at least one of: how many "agents" are working in the logical sub-tree of the multilevel structure below him/her at any time and how many areas each of said "agents" sold and what said participant's credit status is at any time;
- e. Public stocks of the organization itself are offered, so that more funds can be gained for supporting its causes;
- f. Participants have to make at least some small non-refundable deposit for each unit, which remains paid even if they eventually choose not to buy the unit;
- g. Participants can buy acres from the organization at cheaper rates depending on the amount of acres that they have already bought and/or sold so far.

9. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein deals are made with the respective governments so that by getting the higher prices per acre than the small amount that they get for allowing to destroy each acre. said governments also agree to at least one of:

- a. Guard the bought areas by at least one of police, army forces, and special forces designated for guarding said areas;

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- b. Change the laws if needed and enforce them, so that destroying rainforest lands becomes punishable by at least one of large fines and imprisonment.

10. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein deals are made with at least one of the local populations and indigenous natives, wherein at least one of:

- a. They are paid to guard areas or at least to issue a warning immediately when they spot dangerous or suspect activities;
- b. They are also employed for sustainable harvesting;
- c. They are getting revenues from sustainable harvesting.

11. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein hi-tech surveillance is used in order to report in real time the conditions of large areas, based on at least one of:

- a. Stationary Satellites that consecutively cover the same area;
- b. Low orbit satellites which cover the desired areas intermittently;
- c. At least one of zeppelins and balloons.

12. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein alternate sources for at least one of fuel and wood are encouraged, thus supplying the demand for fuel and/or for wood and removing much of the incentives that currently exist for continuing to destroy the rainforests.

13. (Previously amended) The method of claim 12 wherein at least one of hemp and/or Kenaf and/or other fast growing plants which have a growth rate substantially similar to the growth rate of hemp or Kenaf are grown and used for at least one of wood and energy instead of rainforest trees.

14-26 (Canceled).

27. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein Class Action suits are filed against at least one of multi-national organizations who destroy the rainforests, individual members of their managements, relevant governments, and specific politicians that allow it, on account of at least one of crimes against humanity and specific damages caused to the environment and/or to humans.

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28. (Previously amended) The method of claim 27 wherein the multinational organizations are sued also for paying back damages for the destruction already caused by them, and the governments are sued only for future damages unless said governments immediately change their policies that allow the destruction to go on.

29. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least in countries that don't allow buying rainforest lands or don't allow foreigners to buy rainforest lands, at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Instead of the areas themselves, what is sold is at least one of: Only the sustainable harvesting rights for a certain period, and a lease;
- b. At least one of the government and an organization which applies said method really owns the areas, but the participants only lease said areas.

30. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the areas are purchased in large bunches, in order to reduce overhead costs, by at least one of: buying each time a sufficiently large bunch in advance – before there are sufficient orders for buying such an amount of land, and accumulating orders together and only then doing the actual purchase as one transaction.

31. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the buyers can share also other potential revenues from the sold and/or leased areas.

32. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein users can view interactively rainforests areas and at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Users can see their bought acres or at least their general area or areas wherein said general area is the specific rainforest and/or a general part of said rainforest and/or an area of a few miles within said rainforest, by live feed on the Internet, and/or through satellites and/or balloons and/or zeppelins;
- b. Various cameras constantly rotate and/or change focus and/or zoom and the users can view various areas based on the recently acquired relevant images;
- c. The devices that capture the images have various zoom functions available so that the users can focus on various areas;
- d. There are multiple cameras on zeppelins and/or balloons and/or satellites;
- e. Users can give remotely various commands to at least some of the cameras.

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33. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein balloons and/or zeppelins are used over the rainforests as one of the methods of carrying harvests from various areas and at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Said zeppelins and/or balloons can land in cleared areas;
- b. Said zeppelins and/or balloons stay above the canopy and the cargo is pulled up to them with ropes;
- c. Said zeppelins and/or balloons stay above the canopy and the cargo is pulled up to them with ropes, and said ropes are lowered from the zeppelin or balloon, or the rope is sent up with a smaller balloon and then the zeppelin pulls up the cargo that is attached to the rope on the ground.